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## ***GLOSSOPETALON NEVADENSE*** **SPINY GREENBUSH**

Spiny Greenbush is a profusely branched, greenish-barked shrub that is 1-2 m tall. It has erect or spreading, spine-tipped, grooved stems. The alternate, narrowly lance-shaped, short-stalked leaves are 3-15 mm long with entire margins. Foliage is gray-green and glabrous. 1 to a few, short-stalked flowers arise from the axils of the upper leaves or from the naked nodes near the stem tips. Some flowers have both styles and stamens, while others have only styles; those with stamens have 5. Each flower has 5 spreading sepals that are ca. 2 mm long and 4-6 narrowly lance-shaped, white petals that are 4-9 mm long. The leathery, egg-shaped, 1-seeded fruit is ca. 3 mm long, longitudinally-ribbed and beaked. Flowering in May or June.

PACHISTIMA MYRSINITES is in the same family but has opposite, evergreen leaves.